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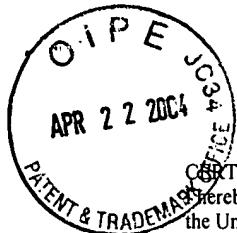
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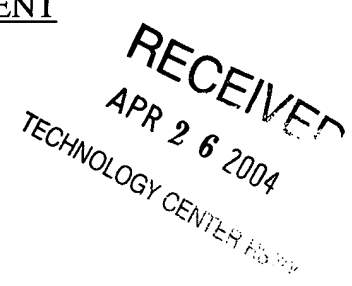
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Election of Species Requirement mailed by the Office on March
18, 2004 received in the above-referenced patent application, Applicant elects the species
identified by the Office as FIG. 9. Applicant believes that claims 1 through 14 are
readable thereon.

Respectfully submitted,
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